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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Zhao, *et al.*

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Art Unit: 1618

For: Hybrid Polymers and Methods of Making the
Same

Examiner: Blessing M. Fubara

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Restriction Requirement, mailed on June 26, 2007, the period for reply having been extended to December 26, 2007, by the payment of the fee for a three-month extension of time, submitted concurrently herewith, Applicants respectfully make the following election.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-34 drawn to compositions comprising a polymer that is made up of monomeric units, classified in class 424, subclass 78.26.
- II. Claims 35-48, drawn to polyphosphoester, classified in class 514, subclass 772.4.

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, **Group II**, claims 35-48. Specifically, Applicants respectfully submit that no undue burden would be required to search both Groups I and II.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute non-elected claims and species in other patent applications claiming the benefit of the filing date of this application.

Early and favorable consideration of the application is respectfully solicited. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 832-1223. Please charge any additional fees required to enter this response, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 06-1448, GPT-032.01.**

Dated: December 26, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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